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HISTORICAL SOCIETY  
OF  
HADDONFIELD

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GENERAL MEETING

September 22, 1983

8:00 p.m.

BOROUGH HALL

Program - "HADDONFIELD'S EARLY SCHOOLS, LIBRARIES AND WRITERS"

Speaker - Douglas Rauschenberger, Director, Haddonfield Public Library



GROVE STREET SCHOOL

Mr. Rauschenberger, Co-Chairman of the Gertrude Hess Memorial Library Committee, will present an illustrated program on early Haddonfield including material from the Historical Society's Collection of scarce and rare publications starting with our first author, John Estaugh.

This promises to be an interesting and enjoyable evening of recollections.

Refreshments will be served. Do join us.

### THE WOMEN'S COMMITTEE

The Women's Committee made final payment for the PHASE II Brick work on Greenfield Hall, including the painting of the Terrace. All work was finished before the Country Fair.

The Fair was a huge success, as a result of a cooperating weather and lots of dedicated workers. Thank you to all the members who spent an average of 12 hours a week from May 10 to T Day (June 4) getting the Garage items ready for sale at the Fair. Special thanks to: Betsy Bartlett, Ann Blau, Lilly Jones, Peg Manze, Evy Markoe, Lucille Mason, Emma Martin, Isabell Schofield, Dot Sherred, Helen Streeter, Helen Styles and Katie Walter. Grateful, also, for those who helped with the sales on the day of the Fair: Peg Clement, Sally Cooper, Pat Lennon, Lucille Sayre, Elaine Wilson and the Atkinsons. Altogether our efforts paid off handsomely, the Garage Sale netted \$925.00 of the total \$3725.00.

The Committee's ongoing project is making items for this year's Christmas Craft Show. Members have been working in the Hip Roof House since the 12 of July every Tuesday from 10 a.m. to Noon. All women are invited to drop in with helping hands and fresh ideas. It's good fun and fellowship too. Come-on, anyone can glue-I can!

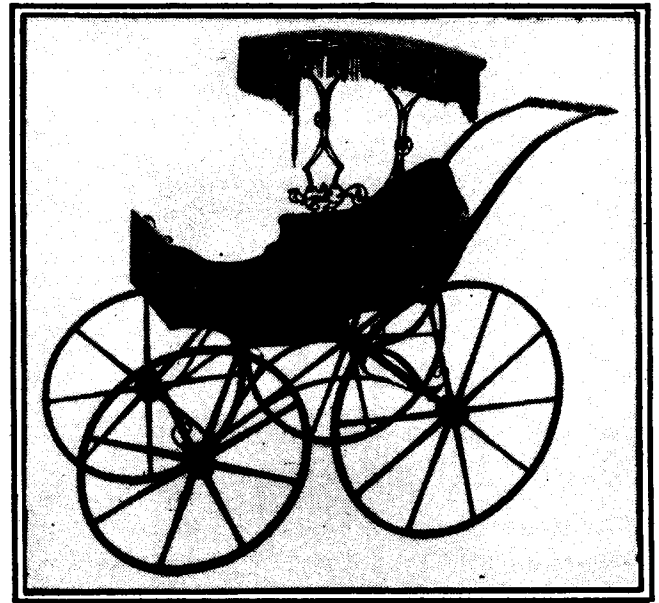
Future projects are the purchase of a new refrigerator for the Kitchen..frost free..of course. Also a wooden screen door for the kitchen's side door to the Terrace. Won't the Luncheon Committee welcome those two long-wished for items?

We hope to see you at our next meeting on September 27 at 10 a.m. and at the Auction on October 8, 1983.

Mrs. John J. Slavin  
Chairman

### SPECIAL GRANT

As a result of the untiring efforts of Dianne Snodgrass, Education Chairman, a grant from the N. J. Historical Commission has been awarded to the Society for the "History Come Alive" Program



### THE AUCTION

PLACE - GREENFIELD HALL  
TIME - 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.  
DATE - OCTOBER 8, 1983

Auction will consist of articles contributed by area Antiques Dealers and other items including: Sandwich Glass Oil Lamp, Wooden Hat Block, Iron Muffin Tins, Ironstone Bowls, Oval Iron Pot, Apple corer, Chinese Tea Set, etc.

Auctioneers: Bill Reynolds, Jr.  
Earl Holl

### Refreshments

Donations (tax deductible receipt is available for items contributed) to the Auction may be brought to the Hip Roof House every Tuesday from 10:00 a.m. to 12 Noon.

Chairmen: Helen Streeter  
Betsy Bartlett-Katie Walter

This grant one of seventeen awarded in the State is under the Local History Project Category of the Commission.

"History Come Alive" appears to be a unique program in New Jersey in that a local Historical Society provides educational programs for its local school children. "History Come Alive" Brochures will be available for '83-'84 in September. Contact Dianne 428-6823 to become involved.

## SCRAPS FROM LOCAL HISTORY

### The Old Kirby House

The death of Mary Kirby on the 19th of January, 1888 removed the last of one of the old families of Haddonfield. Her father, Stephen Kirby, first settled at Cooper Point, now part of Camden, where his occupation was that of tailor, and where some of his children were born.

In 1816 he moved to Haddonfield, purchased and occupied a house on the Southeast side of the Main Street, opposite Tanner Street. This dwelling has much historic interest deserving to be preserved.

If tradition goes true, it was built by John and Elizabeth Estaugh, and was where their butler resided, being opposite the end of a wide avenue cut thru the timber and extending from the Kings Highway to the lawn that surrounded the mansion house where they resided - the site of which is where the residence of Samuel Wood, Esq. now stands (Circa 1870 to 1880).

Part of this avenue is now known as Tanner Street, but the laying of the Haddonfield and Camden Turnpike cut off the northern portion, which has been abandoned for many years.

This writer interviewed Florence Ellis Redman, and was told the following: "When my Father Howard Ellis bought the property west of the First Baptist Church, in 1905, it had a very old house next to the church, and an old brick store west with a very deep lot nearly to Lincoln Avenue. We were little children then and all we heard was that we were living in Elizabeth Haddon's butler's home. About a year after we moved there the old house was torn down and a new house of brick built in its place, about 1906. The brick store was made into Ellis' Butcher shop, where they served the community for many years."

There were two little wooden buildings back near what was the Sunday School which had been a private school run by Mr. Kirby's two daughters for many years.

The last one died in 1888, and Clement wrote the following story.

"The old Kirby house at the end of the avenue was the butler's habitation, and where that important individual gave his neighbors his impression of persons, who visited the mansion house and were guests of the owner, and related little matters of gossip of what occasionally struck his ear, while looking after the creature comforts of the talkers.

In a few years the old house will be removed and soon forgotten. This spirit of improvement in the present day has no sympathy with old things, however pleasant the traditions, and the hand of the spoiler never rests in this progressive age. Scarcely a generation passes away before the next is ready to remove every evidence of its existence.

Judge John Clement, 1870.

The foregoing quotation is not the complete article. Only the part relating to this early house is quoted. I found a deed in favor of "Blackwell, Pastor of the Colestown Church who owned the Kirby House, and one other owner of the butler's home ten years after Elizabeth Haddon's death, which took the Ellis/Kirby's house back to 1770. All these deeds are in the Historical Society Library.

In the little buildings before mentioned, the Ellises made a new mixture of sausage, and when I came to Haddonfield a bride in 1904 and became a member of The First Baptist Church, all Fall each year one could smell the savory ~~aroma~~ of sausage in the atmosphere on Sunday morning.

There was a great box bush back of this house, left from a walk to the school house. Alfred Driscoll bought the box bush and had this moved to "Birdwood" when they restored this early home there.

Mr. Wescoat (Realtor) bought the Ellis house and butcher shop and moved them back to Wescoat Walk, facing on the open land of the Baptist Church and the Ellis property, now used as a parking lot, and made them into business places for many years.

Now 1983 they have torn down the Ellis house and the butcher shop and expanded the ever enlarging Midlantic Bank of South Jersey.

*Edna L. Haydock*

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Vacations are almost over and it is now time to look ahead to the activities of the Fall and in particular those of the Society.

The Country Fair was most successful due to the efforts of Betsy McMenamin, Chairman, the Women's Committee and the many members who participated. A special thank you to all who helped.

Another job well done was the Revision of the Bylaws by the Bylaws Committee: Mrs. Mary Carll, Mrs. Trudy Hensel, Mrs. Helen Hubbard and Mr. John Wood. Thanks to them and to Dorothy McGlade for her help. The Revision will be voted on at the September 22 meeting. Copies are available in the Library for you to read. If you have any questions, please call me 858-5486.

Beginning Wednesday, September 21 at 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. and every Wednesday until mid-December, we will be meeting at Greenfield Hall. We plan to do some "housekeeping" NOT windows or vacuuming, but re-arranging and putting in order some of our materials and recent acquisitions. Anyone interested in helping is welcome. It should be educational, fun and probably a little dirty....so don't dress up.

Thank you to all the hosts and hostesses who helped to keep Greenfield Hall open to visitors this summer.

Hope to see you all at the September 20 meeting and at the Auction.

Deborah H. Moore.  
President

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## JUNIOR HELPER

Thank you Christie Mervine for helping to clean the Society Headquarters this summer.

## SOMETHING NEW

Commemorative and gift items are now displayed in the Cupboard in the Victorian Room.

## THE FAIR

The Annual Country Fair was a great success due to the fact that everyone worked so very hard and Mother Nature smiled on us by keeping the rain away. The monetary results were extremely pleasing.

The Chairmen of the different booths can take pride in a job well done. Some new activities were added and were well received and will probably be continued. The time and energy that the members of the Evening Group, the Women's Committee and the members of the Society provided for this important fund raiser were greatly appreciated by this Chairman. The kudos heard concerning the usual delicious luncheon, prepared by the Society gourmet cooks, were well earned. A special thank you to Kathy Tassini for her fine work on publicity. Extensive publicity was given the week following the Fair in the Haddon Gazette.

Gratitude and sincere appreciation for the work and support of the officers and members is deeply felt as the role of Chairman of the Evening Group is relinquished. Congratulations and best wishes to the new officers. Debbie Mervine, as Chairman of the Evening Group, is an experienced organizer and one who has many talents. She will be an asset to the Group and continue to fulfill the objectives and growth of the Society.

Betsy McMenamin  
Chairman

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## IN MEMORIAM

"Death is the golden key that opens the palace of eternity"--Milton

Joseph M. Tatem, Trustee

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## DATES TO REMEMBER

Regular Meeting - September 22, 1983

Auction - October 8, 1983

## CONGRATULATIONS

Education Committee for the  
"History Come Alive Award"

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RECENT ACQUISITIONS TO THE SOCIETY'S COLLECTION INCLUDE:

MRS. THOMAS J. BAGLEY

Wooden Croquet Ball, used at the official inspection of the sewer system of the Boro of Haddonfield. It was the first ball to reach the filter plant after passing through the system of drain pipes, on completion of the first sewage system in 1903.

MRS. STANLEY BROWN

Several items of period clothing, including a lady's World War I Red Cross uniform.

MRS. MURTON CORRINGTON

Nightgown with hand-crocheted yoke.....C. 1900

MRS. ALFRED E. DRISCOLL

Eye glasses (pince-nez) with dark lenses,...C.1895-1900, belonging to Elizabeth Hitchener Eastlack, maternal grandmother of former Governor Alfred E. Driscoll.

ESTATE OF MISS ANN LEA NICHOLSON

Painting...American School, 19th Century, artist unknown, believed to be copied from early sketch by Thomas Redman. Oil on canvas, depicting 1713 home of Elizabeth Haddon, located on Wood Lane, Haddonfield. The house is surrounded by a fence, with two carriages in the Lane. Frame is a stained pine of the 19th century.

Brass Chatelaine, engraved with the name, "Sarah Cresson". Mrs. Cresson was the wife of Caleb Cresson and the daughter of Ebenezer Hopkins, the adoptedson of Elizabeth Haddon. Sarah Cresson was also the sister of John Estaugh Hopkins.

MRS. BETTY RHOADS, daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. John W. Danenhower, of Haddonfield.

Wedding Dress, dated February 23, 1892, worn by Alice May Danenhower, nee Bewley. She was the mother of Mr. John W. Danenhower, Sr.

White Lawn Dress, of a somewhat later period...from the same source as the wedding dress.

Miniature Train Set...This hand-made wooden train set is a copy of the very early trains of the 19th Century. This set was repaired by Rod Goettelmann, who also made the display case for exhibition in Greenfield Hall.

Toys...a few small toys of the early 20th Century and a stuffed toy poodle, belonging to the Danenhower family.

September 1983

Carolyn Moody  
Acquisitions Chairman